

Preparing Today's Boulder Forests for Tomorrow's Wildfires

Workshop - Wednesday September 26, 2018, 5:30-8:00pm

SEEC Auditorium - East Campus, University of Colorado-Boulder

5:30 - 6:00pm **Reception with light refreshments**

- Please place a Sticker-dot on the map to show where you live, and
- Complete the FRONT SIDE/BEFORE survey

6:00-6:45pm **Welcome** by Sharon Collinge, Faculty Director, Center for Sustainable Landscapes and Communities, and Chief Scientist, National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON)

LIVING WITH FIRE - Panel of Residents – Karen Hollweg, Moderator

- **Randy Oxley** -- Living adjacent to open space land in Jamestown
- **Will Keeley** – Wildlife ecologist comparing treated and untreated forests
- **Cary Ludtke** – Wildlife Partners
- **Linda Martin** – Getting neighbors together via Saws & Slaws
- **Deb Martin** – Sugarloaf homeowner impacted by fire
- **Jason Lawhon** – Neighbor to fuel treatments

6:45-6:50pm **YOUR Questions ??**

6:55-7:00pm **Move to Breakout Group of Your Choice**

7:00-7:50pm **Break-out Group Discussions – 25-min. sessions (2 rounds)**

1. City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks forest & fire management – Chris Wanner, Forest Ecologist & Brian Oliver, Wildland Division Chief

2. Boulder County Parks and Open Space forest management – Stefan Reinold, Sr. Forestry Resource Specialist

3. Ecological Benefits of Prescribed Burns – Parker Titus, The Nature Conservancy

4. How forest management effects wildlife – Will Keeley, OSMP Wildlife Ecologist

5. How you can prepare your home for wildfires -- Carry Ludtke & Jim Webster, Boulder County's "Wildfire Partners"

6. How you can prepare your home for wildfires -- Jamie Carpenter, Wildland Fuels Specialist & Kim Scott, Outreach/education, City of Boulder Fire Dept. Station 8

7. How neighbors can help each other prepare for wildfire – Linda Martin, Saws and Slaws

8. Resident Perspective: Talk with Randy Oxley, County open space neighbor & Wildfire Partner

9. Resident Perspective: Talk with Deb Martin about first-hand experience with wildfire

10. The ecology & history of fire & forest management in Boulder's city & county forests –Jason Lawhon, USFS and Marin Chambers, CO Forest Restoration Institute

7:50-8:00pm **Wrap-up** – Please leave your completed survey to guide our future events.

Co-sponsored by the CU-Boulder Center for Sustainable Landscapes and Communities, City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks, Boulder County Parks and Open Space, CU-Boulder's Office for Outreach and Engagement, CU and CSU faculty and staff.

PART 1- Please complete this side BEFORE the workshop/field trip begins

1. In what year did you move into your current residence? _____ 2. Do you currently: rent / own?

3. What city & state did you move here from? _____

4. Was wildfire a threat in your last place of residence? Yes No

5. What description(s) BEST fit where you currently live?

Urban area Directly adjacent to forested public land Within the forest Neighborhood near open space

6. How familiar are you with the wildfire-related risks associated with living near a forested area?

Very Familiar Familiar Moderately Familiar Somewhat Familiar Not Familiar

7. In your opinion how much does each of the following factors contribute to the chance of a wildfire damaging your property/residence in the next 5 years? **Not a Major Contributor (1) - Major Contributor (5)**

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	Don't know
A. Vegetation on your property/residence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
B. Physical characteristics of your property/residence other than vegetation (e.g., steep inclines)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
C. Physical characteristics of your residence or other buildings (e.g., roofing or siding)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
D. Vegetation on your neighbors' properties	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
E. Vegetation on nearby public land (e.g., National Forest, National Park, open space, greenbelt)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
F. Human activity (e.g., campfires, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
G. Weather-related starts (e.g., lightning)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

8. If a wildfire reached your residence, how likely do you think it is that the following would occur?

Not Likely (1) - Very Likely (5)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	N/A	Don't know/
A. Firefighters would protect your home.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
B. Your home would be damaged or destroyed.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
C. Nearby trees and landscape would burn.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

In the past 5 years have you done any of the following in an effort to reduce the risk of wildfire - either at your own residence or elsewhere?

A. Reduced the amount of vegetation within 100 feet of homes	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
B. Reduced the amount of other combustible items within 30 feet of homes (moved woodpiles, combustible clutter, etc.)	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
C. Changed exterior building materials to something less combustible (e.g., improved deck, roof, or siding materials)	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
D. Had property assessed by a fire mitigation expert?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
E. Other, not on this list (describe briefly below)	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No

PART 2 -- Please complete this side at the END of the workshop/field trip

1. What initially attracted your interest in this workshop/field trip?

☐ I own/live in a home in or near forested lands

☐ I use trails in open space forests

☐ I live in the City of Boulder, and am concerned about the chance of a wildfire here

☐ I am on the board of an HOA that's near/adjacent to open space forests

☐ Other. Please explain: _____

2. What topics did you hope to learn about in this workshop/field trip?

☐ How land managers manage our open space forests by thinning them

☐ The use of prescribed burns

☐ How forest management affects wildlife

☐ The ecology, history and management strategies of Boulder County Forests

☐ Other. Please explain: _____

3. What question(s) did you have about wildfire in Boulder's open space forests prior to this workshop/field trip?

4. Were your questions answered? Yes No Partly

5. If your questions were not answered, what could we do to help you find the answers you seek?

6. Do you have new questions or topics of interest as a result of this workshop/field trip? If so, what are they?

7. *Topics* you would be interested to learn more about in the future:

☐ Actions I can take to prepare my property/residence for wildfires

☐ The science behind fire and fuel treatments and how it guides land management decisions

☐ More information about prescribed burns and why land managers do them

☐ More information about smoke from prescribed fires or uncontrolled wildfires

☐ Management of Open Space forests

☐ Other: _____

8. *Activities* in which you would be interested in participating in the future (indicate all that apply):

☐ Evening programs (e.g., films/speakers, workshops, case studies of neighbor/community groups, deeper dive into science topics)

☐ Field trips

☐ Getting my neighbors/HOA involved - programs for them?

☐ Participating in citizen science/monitoring of treated/untreated forests

☐ Collaborating with university faculty and students

☐ Would like to see this community become a "model"/leader in the West

☐ Other: _____

9. Have you participated (or do you plan to participate) in our other events?

9/22 Field Trip

9/26 Workshop

9/29 Field Trip

